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In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Praise be to God, Lord of the universe, and peace and prayers be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and all of his companions

Now then...

To the noble brother, Shaykh Mahmud, may God protect him
Peace be upon you, God's Mercy and Blessings

I hope you receive this message of mine while you, your family, children, and all of the brothers are in good health.

So,

- With regard to what you had mentioned in a previous message, that some brothers may go to Iran as part of a plan to protect the brother, thus I see that Iran is not suitable. Also, when choosing the areas where the brothers will be inside Pakistan it's necessary to take into consideration that they are not areas that encountered floods or may encounter them in the future.

- With regard to the brothers coming from Iran, thus I see, at this stage, that they be at safe locations outside the areas being attacked.

- Regarding what's related to Pakistan, thus I didn't take a look at the report you mentioned. However, the opinion in general is to be concerned with calming things down and focusing efforts on the Americans.

- With regard to what pertains to appointing the brothers in the administrative positions, thus I see that they pledge an allegiance that would include some points, which would protect the work and its secrets. Therefore, I hope that you all deliberate concerning the matter and inform me of your opinion, and amongst the proposed points, for example:

1- Listening, obedience, and Jihad so as to bring back the Caliphate.

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2- Protect operational secrets.

3- Protect the work he is going to be responsible for, and provide advice to the leadership.

- Regarding what brother Basir mentioned relating to Anwar al-'Awlaqi, it would be excellent if you inform him, on my behalf in a private message to him, to remain in his position where he is qualified and capable of running the matter in Yemen.

Therefore, he shall continue, by the blessings of God, as he has the characteristics that makes him capable of that. Additionally, the presence of some of the characteristics by our brother Anwar al-'Awlaqi is a good thing, in order to serve Jihad, and how excellent would it be if he gives us a chance to be introduced to him more.

- Also, I hope that he be informed of us still needing more information from the battlefield in Yemen, so that it is feasible for us, with the help of God, to make the most appropriate decision to either escalate or calm down. And with regard to informing us of the situations by them, thus I hope that brother Basir writes me his vision in detail about the situations and also asks brother Anwar al-'Awlaqi to write his vision in detail in a separate message, as well as brother Abu-Sufyan Sa'id al-Shahri, to send his vision in detail and separate.

How excellent would it be if you ask brother Basir to send us the resume, in detail and lengthy, of brother Anwar al-'Awlaqi, as well as the facts he relied on when recommending him, while informing him that his recommendation is considered. However, we would like to be reassured more. For example, we here become reassured of the people when they go to the line and get examined there.

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Also, I hope that brother Basir be informed that the media appearance is his task, and in general, they should reduce the appearance during this period unless necessary, and if necessity calls for one of the brothers to issue a speech, thus Basir should review it before it's broadcasted in the media. It shall be pointed out, whereas you didn't point out, that the speech of

brother Sa'id al-Shahri that was issued about the apprehension of one of the sisters in Saudi was not appropriate at the time.

With regard to what you mentioned in a previous message, regarding your opinion to reduce the correspondence, thus we are concerned with the security aspect, yet I have a tape for the nation that includes instigation of the people of Iraq and preaching to the Awakenings to return to the Mujahidin. I am going to send it, God willing, the next time, thus you can arrange with the courier to have the card that's going to contain this statement delivered to the media section directly, and if a necessary matter develops, we are going to attach to you a message that will be sent to you by the media section.

- Attached with this message is a visual statement to the American people that I hope a copy of it be given to the International Al Jazeera and the Arab Al Jazeera. I also hope for it to be translated (voice over) to English and to be delivered to the Al Jazeera channel prior to the anniversary of 9/11, to be broadcasted during it. Also, two copies of it are attached, one of which is recorded and the other written.

- We sent you, along with the messages that preceded this, a statement regarding the floods of Pakistan. Its broadcasting to media was delayed, thus perhaps it's for a good reason. However, in any case, I had attached the content of this card to this message.

- Note: Please broadcast the flood statement before the American People statement, as the American People statement to be during the anniversary of 9/11.

- Attached is a message from my son Khalid to brother 'Abd-al-Latif, and a message to the brothers in the media section.

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In conclusion, I ask God, the Glorified and Almighty, to protect you and to make you successful towards what He loves and is satisfied with, and the last of our prayers is praise be to God, Lord of the Universe, and peace and prayers be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and all of his companions.

Peace be upon you, God's Mercy and Blessings

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